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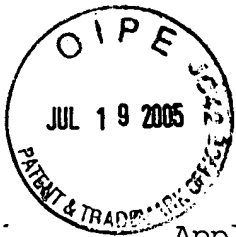
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Applicant : David P. Schneider
Filed : July 24, 2003
TC/A.U. : 3617
Examiner : Sherman D. Basinger
Docket No. : H-560-CIP
Title : SHARK DETERRENT DEVICE
Customer No. : 41245

PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT
IN ACCORDANCE WITH 37 C.F.R. §1.181(a)

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This petition to withdraw the holding of abandonment of the above identified patent application is responsive to the NOTICE OF IMPROPER REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE), mailed on June 16th, 2005.

The NOTICE OF IMPROPER REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) stated the application was abandoned on May 16, 2005, and also stated that the Applicant's RCE and response to office action was filed on May 18, 2005 (two days after the deadline). However, Applicant's RCE and response to the latest office action was in fact filed on May 16, 2005. Enclosed are copies of the Amendment Transmittal Form (Exhibit A), the return receipt postcard (Exhibit B), and the certificate of mailing (Exhibit C). The office communication of June 16, 2005, and the Notice of Improper Request for Continued Examination (RCE), all marked Exhibit D, has been returned, as requested.

Neither of the dates: May 16, 2005 or May 18, 2005, was confirmed by the United States Patent and Trademark Office by return of the post card receipt (Exhibit B). The return receipt post card was not returned to Applicant's representative by the USPTO.

Application No. 09/975,228
Petition Dated July 11, 2005
Reply to Office Communication Dated June 16, 2005

In accordance with the MPEP 711.03(c) "Petition To Withdraw Holding of Abandonment Based on Evidence That a Reply Was Timely Mailed or Filed," this statement attests to the fact that the RCE was filed on May 16, 2005, on a personal knowledge basis, as the person who signed the certificate of mailing for the document in question.

The enclosed copies of the aforementioned documents show that the RCE had been diligently mailed in a timely manner. The payment for the RCE, check #19097 for \$620, has been accepted and was cleared May 23, 2005.

In view of this showing, Applicant respectfully requests that the Notice of Abandonment be withdrawn, and the continued examination of the amendments be permitted to continue.

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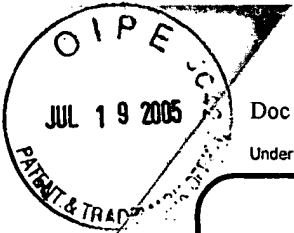
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Doc **Exhibit A**

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Exhibit B

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Title: SHARK DETERRENT DEVICE

Applicant: David P. Schneider
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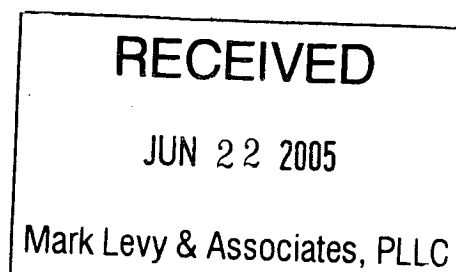


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NOTICE OF IMPROPER REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)

The request for continued examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 filed on 5/18/05 is improper for reason(s) indicated below:

- ☐ 1. Continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to an application for a design patent. Applicant may wish to consider filing a continuing application under 37 CFR 1.53(b) or a CPA under 37 CFR 1.53(d). An RCE cannot be treated as a CPA.
- ☐ 2. Continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to an application that was filed before June 8, 1995. Applicant may wish to consider filing a continuing application under 37 CFR 1.53(b).
- ☐ 3. Continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to an application unless prosecution in the application is closed. If the RCE was accompanied by a reply to a non-final Office action, the reply will be entered and considered under 37 CFR 1.111. If the RCE was not accompanied by a reply, the time period set forth in the last Office action continues to run from the mailing date of that action.
- ☐ 4. The request was not filed before payment of the issue fee, and no petition under 37 CFR 1.313 was granted. If this application has not yet issued as a patent, applicant may wish to consider filing either a petition under 37 CFR 1.313 to withdraw this application from issue, or a continuing application under 37 CFR 1.53(b).
- ☒ 5. The request was not filed before abandonment of the application. The application was abandoned, or proceedings terminated on 5/16/05. Applicant may wish to consider filing a petition under 37 CFR 1.137 to revive this abandoned application.
- ☐ 6. The request was not accompanied by the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) as required by 37 CFR 1.114. Since the application is not under appeal, the time period set forth in the final Office action or notice of allowance continues to run from the mailing date of that action or notice.
- ☐ 7. The request was not accompanied by a submission as required by 37 CFR 1.114. Since the application is not under appeal, the time period set forth in the final Office action or notice of allowance continues to run from the mailing date of that action or notice.

Note: A continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 CFR 1.53(d) cannot be filed in a utility or plant application. A CPA filed in a utility or plant application that has a filing date on or after June 8, 1995 will be treated as an RCE under 37 CFR 1.114. The request for a CPA in the instant application however, has been treated as an improper RCE for the reason(s) indicated above.

A copy of this notice MUST be returned with any reply.

Direct the reply and any questions concerning this notice to:

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